

**CURTIS STEELE and YOLANDA  
HARRINGTON,**

**v.**

**CAPITAL ONE HOME LOANS, LLC, et. al.,**

**Defendants.**

Rule 42 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure allows a court to consolidate cases that involve common questions of law or fact. Courts have broad discretion in determining whether or not to consolidate a case. A/S Ludwig Mowinckles Rederi v. Tidewater Const. Co., 559 F.2d 928, 933 (4th Cir. 1977). Consolidation does not merge the suits into a single cause, or change the rights of the parties. Intown Properties Mgmt. Inc. v. Wheaton Van Lines, 271 F.3d 164, 168 (4th Cir. 2001). In determining whether to consolidate a case, a court considers several factors

including: the risk of prejudice and confusion; the burden on parties and witnesses; and, the judicial resources expended in multiple suits versus a single suit. Arnold v. Eastern Airlines, 681 F.2d 186, 193 (4th Cir. 1982).

Pursuant to Rule 42 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and in light of the facts noted above, this Court finds that the two cases should be consolidated.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that Defendant's Motion to Consolidate, (Doc. No. 13), is **GRANTED**, and this Court shall accept re-assignment of Case No. 3:13-cv-705.

Signed: 1/31/2014

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert J. Conrad, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

Robert J. Conrad, Jr.  
United States District Judge

